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THE PUBLISHERS.

METAL MARKET.

Tuesday, 14: Silver, 68 1/2; copper, 15 7/8; lead, \$5.50.
Wednesday, 15: Silver, 67 1/4; copper, 15 7/8; lead, New York, \$5.15.
Thursday, 16: Silver, 64; copper, 15 7/8; lead, \$5.15.
Friday, 17: Silver, 64 1/4; copper, 15 7/8; lead, \$5.15.
Saturday, 18: Silver, 64; copper, 15 7/8; lead, \$5.15.
Monday, 20: Silver, 64 1/2; copper, 15 1/2; lead, \$5.20.

LOCAL STOCKS IN THE MARKET.

Con. Mercur at Home.

Tuesday, 14: Bid, 50-60; asked, 63 cents.
Wednesday, 15: Bid, 60; asked, 63 cents.
Thursday, 16: Bid, 60; asked, 63 1/2 and 65 cents.
Friday, 17: Bid, 60 and 62 1/2; asked, 63 cents. 500 shares sold at 60 cents and 700 at 60 1/2 cents.
Saturday, 18: Bid, 60; asked, 63 cents.
Monday, 20: Bid, 60; asked, 63 cents.

At Boston.

Tuesday, 14: Quoted at 62 cents.
Wednesday, 15: Quoted at 62 cents.
Thursday, 16: Quoted at 62 cents.
Friday, 17: Quoted at 60 cents and 200 shares sold.
Saturday, 18: Quoted at 63 cents.
Monday, 20: Quoted at 60 cents and 50 shares changed hands.

Sacramento at Home.

Tuesday, 14: Bid, 8 1/2; asked, 9 1/2 cents.
Wednesday, 15: Bid, 8 1/2; asked, 10 cents.
Thursday, 16: Bid, 8 1/2; asked, 9 1/2 cents.
Friday, 17: Bid, 8 1/2; asked, 9 1/2 cents.
Saturday, 18: Bid, 8 1/2 cents.
Monday, 20: Bid, 8 1/2; asked, 9 1/2 cents.

Ingot at Home.

Tuesday, 14: Bid, 1 1/4 & 1 3/8; asked, 2 1/8 and 2 1/4.
Wednesday, 15: Bid, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2; asked, 2 and 2 1/2 cents.
Thursday, 16: Bid, 1 1/2 and 1 5/8; asked, 2 and 2 1/4 cents.
Friday, 17: Bid, 1 1/2; asked, 2 and 2 1/8 cents.
Saturday, 18: Bid, 1 3/8; asked 2 1/4.
Monday, 20: Bid, 1 1/8 and 1 1/4; asked 2 cents.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The results of the elections throughout Utah were of general importance only in Salt Lake and Ogden, the former being so vastly ahead of the next candidate for distinction as to amount to a practical eclipse. This was because of the presence of the new American party as well as the two old ones, with speculation running high as to the outcome and thousands of dollars being wagered on the outcome. The result was favorable to the new party throughout with the exception of four out of ten councilmen, which were carried by the Democrats, although the margin was not large, the American average plurality being but a little over 600 votes in a total of nearly 22,000, the Democrats being second and the Republicans a decidedly bad third. Of course the Socialists were nowhere.

The result as to the Republicans was as much of a surprise as that generally. Only one year ago they carried the election by a plurality as

great as their total vote this year, and the talk about how it happened, while one of the inevitable features of an election aftermath is so much more vigorous and persistent now than ever before that it promises to continue for a good while yet. Suffice it to say, the reversal was complete and these who erstwhile were proudly at the top and a good ways beyond are now sadly at the bottom and wondering where they are at and what for.

It is easy enough to understand that the American party drew heavily upon the Republican ranks for its materials much heavier than upon the other great organization; also that the newcomer is a temporary construction designed to accomplish local purposes. With these out of the way, no doubt the Republican will resume their wonted strength, and they may do so anyway, without waiting for other things.

NOT THE SAME PROPOSITION.

Lawyer Had Expressed No Willingness to Split Bristles.

One of the ablest lawyers and advocates New England ever produced was Roger Minott Sherman, who was also famous for the quickness of his wit.

A story which fully illustrates Sherman's powers of repartee is quoted by the late Senator Hoar in his book, entitled "An Autobiography of Seventy Years."

On one occasion Sherman was arguing a case against Nathan Smith, a very able, but rather coarse lawyer. Mr. Smith had discussed the question of law with the subtlety for which he was distinguished. Mr. Sherman said to the court that he thought his brother Smith's metaphysics were out of place in that discussion; that he was not averse to such refinement at a proper time, and would be willing on a fit occasion, to chop logic and split hairs with him.

Smith immediately pulled a hair out of his own head and, holding it up, said:

"Split that."
Sherman replied, quick as lightning: "May it please your honor, I didn't say bristles."

PLAYING THE BASS DRUM.

Takes Musician to Handle the Instrument Properly.

"The bass drummer is one of the most important members of a band," said David L. Clark, of Chicago, at the Plankinton. "I am selling musical instruments, and I tell you that the music furnished by a band depends as much upon the quality and playing of the big bass drum as upon the quality and playing of any one instrument. The best bass drummer in the world to-day is a Philadelphia man—I cannot think of his name just now, although I know it as well as I know my own—and he gets as high a salary as any musician in the world who is not a soloist. The beat of the bass drum is the very backbone of music. If it is in the least uncertain or wavering the rest of the band will be uncertain and wavering and the result would be discord. There is a great difference in drums, too. It depends upon the material and the workmanship in manufacture. A poor drum may have will soon become dead and flat, while the right tone for a short time, but it is a good instrument will, like a violin, improve with age."—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

TRIBAL CUSTOM OF SIOUX.

Son-in-Law Rarely Has Speech With His Wife's Mother.

From the Missouri to the Big Horn 4,500 squaw men testify that there is no wife like the Sioux woman, because there is no mother-in-law like the Sioux mother-in-law. This is why many a ranger argues that the Sioux tribe will be assimilated by the whites. Facts confirm this prediction, for reports from the reservations are that more than 300 Indian maidens became the wives of whites in the last year. A. J. Callandar, one of the squaw men and proprietor of a large ranch, declares that he would not trade the dusky woman who presides over his household for any white woman he has seen.

"It is one of the oldest customs of the Sioux Indians," he says, "that the son-in-law shall not look on the face of his mother-in-law or communicate with her more than is absolutely necessary. The custom is probably the outgrowth of family brawls arising from their crude way of living, huddled together in tepee and wigwam. At all events it is an inviolable rule."

Washington Is Popular Name. There are more counties in the United States named for Washington than for any other man. The capital, a state and two cities exceeding 20,000 in population also bear his name.

Local & News Items

OUR NEIGHBORS AND OURSELVES

On the evening of Thanksgiving day a masquerade ball will be given by the "Eagles." Costumes have been secured from Salt Lake City.

Monday the first snow of the season began falling up the beautiful in the busy streets of Mercur and on the immense tailings dump at the Golden Gate mill.

Friday night, the 18th inst., there will be a "Barker Social" given by the Ladies of the Macchabees at Social hall. A good time is fully assured every time the ladies of Mercur have anything to do with entertaining.

Superintendent E. J. Raddatz of the Honolua, who has been suffering acutely from a catarrhal affection of the head, was compelled to undergo an operation on Thursday to secure relief. He is doing nicely since the operation was performed.

A carload of quicksilver was shipped from the Sacramento Gold Mining company's property at Mercur yesterday, and, like those which have preceded it, the expectation is that it will bring something like \$15,000 into the company's treasury. This means that the company will most likely pay a dividend along about the holidays of \$5,000.

The board of directors of the Consolidated Mercur have declared dividend number 22, to the total amount of \$25,000. The date of payment is December 6, the books close the evening of November 23, and will reopen December 7. The property is in the very best of shape, and the dividend will be a welcome piece of news at a time so near Christmas.

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TOLD OF SENATOR FRYE.

His First Acquaintance, as a Child, With the Ways of Wasps.

Senator Frye is a hunter, an angler and a naturalist. All his life he has been fond of the woods and of wild creatures. He was born in Maine, in the town of Lewiston, and a Lewiston man said of him recently:

"My father in his childhood played with the child Frye, and I have often heard him tell how his little friend would go out into the fields and take up fearlessly in his hand bees and spiders and all manner of fearsome things."

One day he took up a wasp. He was very small, you see, and ignorant of wasps' nature. So he took this wasp in his hand, and, of course, it stung him.

"Instantly he dropped it, and set off homeward in an agony of pain and wrath. My father ran along with him, making sympathetic murmurs. Young Frye said, as he wrung the hand that had been wounded:

"First it walked about all over my hand, and it was so nice! But, oh—when it stung down!"

What the Muzzles Were For.

A prominent summer resident of Dublin, N. H., while driving in the nearby town of Chesham met a tiller of the soil driving a pair of oxen. The oxen were equipped with muzzles to prevent their stopping to feed by the reason, Mr. X—, not understanding why the muzzles were kept on the oxen, asked the native:

"Why do you keep those muzzles on the oxen?"

The farmer replied: "Some of you city folks are so blamed green the oxen mistake you for grass, and I am obliged to keep them muzzled to prevent them from eating you."

The Unfair Sex.

Nothing makes a woman so mad as being stared at in a street car, except being stared at.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

LAKE & MERCUR RAILROAD CO. TIME TABLE.

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FOLLOWING A RELIGIOUS RITE.

A Custom That is in Vogue in One Part of Italy.

In the "vanity" section of a museum at Florence, says the London Telegraph, there is an interesting collection of blocks used for what is called "religious tattooing" among the Italian peasants of the district enclosed between the Aruzzi, Umbria and the Adriatic.

Peasants in these parts at work with shirt sleeves rolled up display a Christian symbol of some sort or text tattooed in blue ink on their brown skin. This has been imprinted on the occasion of some special festival.

A wooden block is pressed upon the lightly drawn skin to make the outlines of the design. This is then punctured and a blue ink is rubbed into the wounds, which usually heal in about twenty-four hours. The custom, which is essentially Christian, is in commemoration of the branding of St. Francis, who founded a monastery close to Loretto.

Simla Is Becoming Moral.

This lament is from the Allahabad Pioneer. A painful impression is gaining ground that Simla is not what it was. Visitors are continually being heard to ask, Where are the flirtations, the frisky grass widows, the steady bachelors, the racy scandals—where, in short, is the joy of life that once made this spot the most delectable in the East? In those gay days bright eyes earned more appointments than long service, a bon mot was even a surer pass to distinction than a relative in the India office. We, who remember how the verb to frivel was specially invented for Simla, sigh as we recall those salad days.

Cornstarch to Remove Grease.

Cornstarch will remove grease most effectually. Rub a little fresh, dry cornstarch into the soiled place and it will begin at once the process of absorbing the grease. Brush the first used off carefully from the garment, and proceed in the same way with more until the disfigurement has entirely disappeared.

Bird Marriages That Last.

It cannot be doubted that there are various species of bird whose marriages extend over a far greater period than that merely of the nesting season. Long before the nesting season begins one sees the goldfinches in pairs; long after it has ended one sees the blue titmice in pairs.

FISHES FROM OCEAN'S BED.

Unusual Characteristics of Inhabitant of the Deep Sea.

When a deep-sea fish is brought to the surface, how gradually and carefully soever, its bones are often like so much touchwood and its muscles like rotten pulp, while its eyes are burst from their sockets and its viscera are often blown out of the body cavity by the expansion of the air bladder. It frequently happens that deep-sea fishes are found floating helplessly on the surface of the ocean, with large prey in their stomachs. Their appearance under these circumstances is accounted for by the efforts of their struggling victims to escape from their jaws, causing them to ascend beyond the horizontal zone which they usually inhabit. Deep-sea fishes are commonly black or brown. But although it is claimed that light is essential to the formation of colors, some deep-sea fishes are scarlet in parts, or uniform red or rose. Others are silvery white, while, according to Alcock, the neocopeus is "one gleaming sheen of purple and silver and burnished gold, amid which is a sparkling constellation of luminous organs."

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